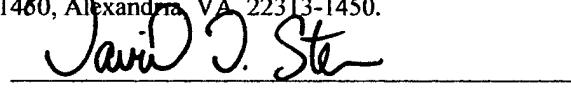


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Title: *Device for Linking a Wire and a Contact Element*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is directed to a new U.S. application as identified above.

Please enter this preliminary amendment prior to calculating the fees.

Please amend the application as follows:

In The Claims

1. (currently amended) Connecting device-(1) between a contact element-(4) and strands-(6) of wire-(3), the strands of wire being realized in a material with a dilation coefficient different from a dilation coefficient of the contact element, ~~characterized in that it is comprises~~comprising an intermediate tube-(9) cooperating respectively with the contact element and the strands, this tube having a rigidity similar to that of the contact element, and having a dilation coefficient similar to that of the strands.